(ii) Establishment of 370 new degree colleges in districts with Gross Enrolment Ratio less than the national level;

(iii) Strengthening of 6000 colleges and 150 Universities not receiving UGC grant at present;

(iv) Setting up of Indira Gandhi National Tribal University with main campus at Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh;

(v) 8 New ITTs, 20 New IITs and 10 New NITs;

(vi) 3 New IISERs at Mohali, Punjab; Tiruvanthapuram, Kerala; Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh;

(vii) 7 New IIMs including one IIM at Shillong, Meghalaya which has been established;

(viii) 2 New Schools of Planning and Architecture (SPAs) at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh and Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh;

(ix) Setting up of 1000 (300 in Government Sector, 300 in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode and 400 in Private Sector) new Polytechnics.

Free education upto graduation level

336. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government is considering to make education free upto graduation level in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be adopted;

(c) how far such education would be helpful for providing employment to the youngsters in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002 provides for free and compulsory education of all children in the age group of 6 to 14 years as a Fundamental Right under Article 21A of the Constitution in such manner as the State may, by law, determine.

Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas

†337. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has any plan to open such more schools; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The State-wise number of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

functional Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The present Scheme envisages opening of one Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) in each district of the country, depending upon viable proposals received from the State Government concerned, to provide suitable land free of cost and to provide temporary accommodation to start the school, and also upon the availability of funds.

Statement

Number of functional Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas (JNVs) in the country as on 20.02.2008

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of functional JNVs
1	2	3
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	02
2.	Andhra Pradesh	22
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	16
4.	Assam	26
5.	Bihar	38
6.	Chandigarh	01
7	Chhattisgarh	16
8.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	01
9.	Delhi	02
10.	Daman and Diu	02
11.	Goa	02
12.	Gujarat	18
13.	Haryana	20
14.	Himachal Pradesh	12
15.	Jammu and Kashmir	14
16.	Jharkhand	22
17.	Karnataka	27
18.	Kerala	14
19.	Lakshadeep	01
20.	Madhya Pradesh	48
21.	Maharashtra	31
22.	Manipur	09
23.	Meghalaya	07
24.	Mizoram	05
25.	Nagaland	11
26.	Orissa	30
27.	Puducherry	04

1	2	3
28.	Punjab	18
29.	Rajasthan	32
30.	Sikkim	04
31.	Tripura	04
32.	Uttar Pradesh	67
33.	Uttaranchal	13
34.	West Bengal	15
	TOTAL:	554

Allocation for Education

338. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether, to improve the state of education in the country, Government plans to increase allocation for expenditure on this sector to Rs. 2,77,837 crores during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, from Rs. 59,181 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether this allocation includes expenditure on elementary, adult and higher education;

(c) whether according to the Planning Commission data, total public expenditure, plan and non-plan, to education in 2006-07 was about 3.79 per cent of the gross domestic product and this is expected to increase to 5 per cent of GDP by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) to what extent this raising of fund would help in improving education in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) As per Eleventh Five Year Plan, as approved by National Development Council (NDC), an allocation of Rs. 2,69,873 crore has been provided to the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) (Rs. 1,84,930 crore for the Department of School Education and Literacy, and Rs. 84,943 crore for the Department of Higher Education) as compared to a total expenditure of about Rs. 58,820 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan. This allocation of Ministry of HRD for Eleventh Five Year Plan includes allocations for elementary, secondary, adult, general higher and technical education.

(c) Planning Commission has indicated that substantial increase proposed in allocation for Ministry of HRD during Eleventh Five Year Plan over the Tenth Five Year Plan expenditure, reflects the high priority being given to education sector and represents a credible progress towards raising the public spending to 6% of the GDP. As per the data available with Ministry of Human Resource Development public expenditure on education as percentage of GDP during 2006-07 is about 3.6%.

(d) The increased allocation during Eleventh Plan is expected to lead to increased access while ensuring quality and inclusiveness.